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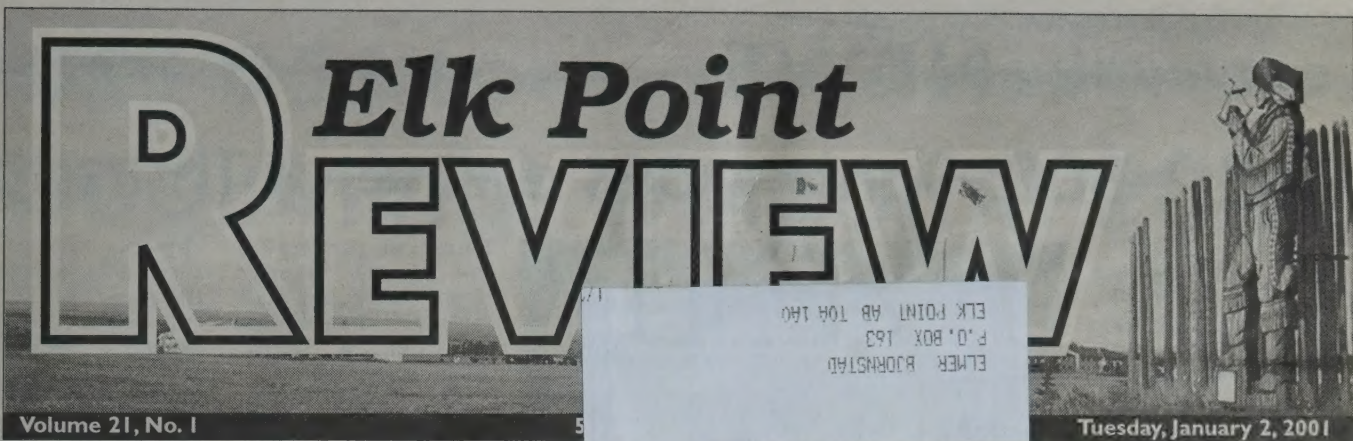
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Santa goes online at Thursday concert

The second of two annual Christmas concerts at Elk Point Elementary School saw the second half of the student body entertaining another packed house with two festive plays on Thursday, December 21.

MCs for the afternoon were Shayden Anderson and Sabrina Stewart.

Once again, the younger students looked to the stars: this time searching for the perfect star for the top of Santa's tree as the Tuesday-Thursday ECS chorus welcomed all to "Santa's Star Search." All the star ornaments must report in, but how will Santa ever pick from so many contestants? Would it be the prettiest, the most graceful, the one twinkling most brightly? They've all waited so long and so patiently for this honor.

It all comes down to the final selection, with elves and reindeer on hand to watch the proceedings. The head elves inspect the finalists - but where is StarGazer? She's late!

Santa sends an urgent message postponing the contest. The North Star is clouded over, and Christmas might have to be postponed too, if Santa can't take off on his annual flight. Think how disappointed he would be, not to be able to show how he cares, and how disappointed the children

would be if he doesn't visit! The stars are ashamed that they have been thinking only of themselves, but turn to scoffing when StarGazer shows up, looking a mess and explaining she's been helping a friend.

Santa arrives and says he'll be able to go after all - the North Star is shining brighter than ever - and credits this Christmas miracle to StarGazer, who gave away her shine to help the North Star. Santa will be proud to have this slightly scruffy, but generous by nature, star atop his tree.

Miss Ockerman's and Mrs. Tilley's ECS classes, Mrs. Wozniak's 1B class and Mrs. Conrad's 2B students all came forward and took a bow at the conclusion of their imaginative play.

LAC president Marion Hillebrand presided over the raffle draws, with Kim Campbell, Brenda Smith and Stephanie Kondla the winners.

Don Buryn presented a donation, made by teachers who deposited \$1 each Friday they came to school in casual wear, to volunteer firefighter Bill Marceniuk, who will in turn send the \$320 on to the Firefighters Burn Treatment Unit at the University Hospital in Edmonton.

The second half of funds collected by students who gathered up 2104 quarters for Year 2000 was presented



SPIFFING UP SANTA -- Santa gets shined and shampooed by a dedicated crew for his TV Internet debut.

by Jodi Vogel to Bev Bepalko of Parkview Extended Care, who said the donation will go toward required equipment.

Principal Don Conrad said that as we step into the new century, we will mark the International Year of Volunteers. Many volunteers work with the school, and are truly appreciated.

One volunteer, who has served on the LAC, been an active member of the school council, created a new position of volunteer coordinator and served in that position for four years, and who also organized a kickboxing club which she ran through the school council, donating \$2386.38 in proceeds to the

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Looking Back

It's been quite a year: 2000 in review

It's been a year of good and bad in Elk Point, with many high points offsetting lows which included the axing of the railroad and the abrupt end to use of the landfill. Let's take a look at the headlines from the past twelve months...

January

Daylan Hoffman was chosen from among 214 competitive skaters from across Alberta, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, to receive a merit award for the most deserving free skate performance... Town Council was busy updating

their traffic bylaw to provide new routes and new parking areas for big trucks... Elk Point OORP, who also recognized five active members who have passed their 80th birthdays, was honored for the second highest per capita fundraising in Canada for the Elks and OORP Fund for Children... Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club held their annual Ukrainian Christmas supper and mini-concert... The Chamber of Commerce explored fundraising ideas... Elk Point Elks hockey club came from the Sask-Alta league cellar to win their first Provincial series... News that the railroad subdivision serving Elk Point would cease operation November 1 was not a big surprise to anyone, and

some saw it as an opportunity to extend the Iron Horse Trail.

February

Eugene Buck was named the first third-generation president for the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce. Buck's grandfather, Eugene McDonell, was the organization's founding president, while his father, now Mayor Ed Buck, was president in the late 1980s... The 17th Annual Oilmen's Bonspiel came to an early and abrupt halt when the ice plant developed a freon leak, sending teams home early, the Reid's Welding rink with the championship... Restoration work got underway on Heinsburg's historic water tower... Elk Point res-

idents Roy and Margaret Hyatt won over half a million dollars playing Lotto 6/49... A Bonnyville youth was charged after a rash of break-and-enters in Elk Point... An ambulance sponsored by the Canadian Union of Public Employees stopped in Elk Point to rally local support hours before a controversial health care bill was scheduled to be tabled in the provincial legislature.

March

Michelle Leckie and John Sparks topped the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club Speak-Off... Elk Point Figure Skating Club presented a very entertaining "Robin Hood On Ice..." Kitscoty Monarchs put the Elk Point Elks out to pasture... Olympic medalist

Fiona Smith of the Canadian National Women's Hockey Team was a surprise visitor at the Midget Female Provincial Hockey tournament in Elk Point, where Edmonton Warriors took home the gold... A community-driven health and wellness centre was opened at Frog Lake... Ted Genereux was named the Elk Point Elks Player of the Year... Spray paint vandals decorated Elk Point facilities with graffiti... Twenty eight participants representing 17 businesses took part in the Chamber-sponsored Service Best seminar. Elk Point's new Post Office was officially opened, with employee Ed Bugera honored for 25 years with Canada Post.

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community NEWS

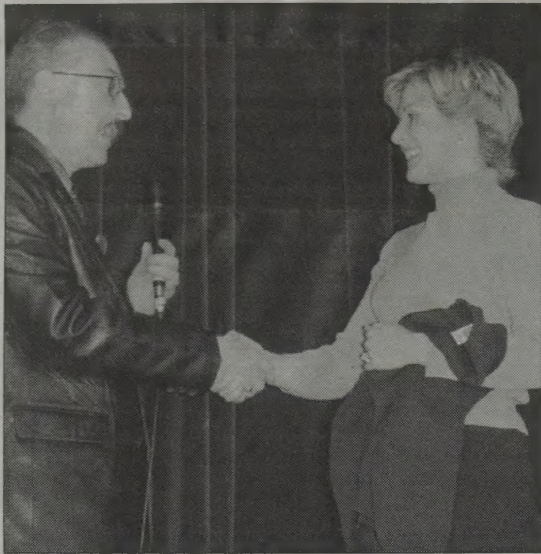
Call 1-800: Santa goes online at Thursday concert

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council, is now leaving Elk Point. "We really, really will miss Cindy Casper," Conrad said, presenting her with an Elk Point Elementary School Volunteer sweatshirt.

The second half of the concert starred Sage Lowry as Mrs. Santa, Tyler Loughran as TV promoter Mr. Big and Kody Wickham as Santa as Mr. Hymanyk's 3Bs, Mrs. Richard's 4Bs, Mr. Bilak's 5Bs and Mr. Sereda's 6Bs presented "Santa's Shopping Network."

It had to happen - Santa's getting a 1-800 number. The curtain opens with a crew of beauticians getting



VALUED VOLUNTEER - Don Conrad presents an Elementary School Volunteer sweatshirt to Cindy Casper, who has contributed a lot to the LAC and school council during her years in Elk Point.

Santa all prettied up for his TV Internet debut, while the audience gets instructions on when to "OOH!", "AAH" and applaud.

The reindeer explain how to use the network, and various gifts are displayed along with their order numbers, and all seems in readiness.

But next day at school, the students are talking about the show. It's a perfect way to let Santa know what they want, but what about kids without telephones and television. There are also some greedy kids who keep phoning in from an address where there are no homes. This family is invited to the North Pole so Santa can see them for himself, but instead of being greedy, they are

students who want all those gifts delivered to their school so they can deliver them to a homeless shelter - a group Santa might well have missed with his

new technology. Their greatest wish, expressed in song which ended the show, is "All I Want for Christmas is a Gift for Every Child."



A \$320 U.O.F. A. HOSPITAL BURN UNIT DONATION is presented to firefighter Bill Marceniuk by Don Buryn.



Time away from work to be with your baby.

How long should it be?

The Alberta Government intends to extend employment leave for parents in the new year. This means Alberta parents will be able to stay home longer with their new babies or adopted children.

The Minister's Committee on Employment Leave for Parents is seeking input from employees and employers to help determine an acceptable length of unpaid job protected leave. Recommendations will then be submitted to Alberta Human Resources and Employment Minister Clint Dunford, and amendments to Alberta's *Employment Standards Code* will be introduced in spring 2001.

Committee members need to hear from you in order to help them make recommendations on the length of leave. They also want to hear your views on related issues such as eligibility, notice periods and employee entitlements.

In order to give the committee your feedback, please obtain a questionnaire by visiting www.gov.ab.ca/hre/employmentleave or e-mailing employmentstandards@ahre.gov.ab.ca or calling toll-free 310-0000 then dial (780) 415-8573

The deadline for submissions is January 17, 2001.



APPLAUD HERE - says the sign as Santa's elves show off the various gifts available to those who dial 1-800-Santa to put in their Christmas gift orders.



SANTA SELECTS HIS STAR - She may be a little disheveled from helping out a friend, but Santa is impressed by StarGazer's kind heart and chooses her to hold the honored spot atop his Christmas tree in the first play of the concert.



ECS CHORISTERS help Santa in his search for the perfect star to top his tree this Christmas eve, with their song which opened Thursday's show.

from the FCSS DESK

A new beginning: Welcome 2001

By Deanna Easthope
FCSS Director

Happy New Year, everyone! It is a new year, a new Millennium, a new beginning and farewell to all that has passed. Speaking of the past, the other day I was glancing through the front pages of the Elk Point Review for the year 2000. The thought came to me: "If someone were to check the headlines from the front page of the Elk Point Review for the year 2000, would they

be able to ascertain the main focus in the community of Elk Point?"

For example... February 1 - End of the line for Elk Point - November 1, 2000 (railroad which has served Elk Point since the late 1920s). Oh no, Elk Point is losing something that served a purpose in the past. ...March 28 - Spray paint vandals strike Elk Point facilities ...Oh no, the community of Elk Point has some people who don't feel a part of the community. ...April 25 -

Ranger Oil seeks to extend driving hours - "Few voice concern on the issue." ...Oh no, it sounds like in Elk Point, people who work in the oilfield work long hours. ...

May 2 - Metelytsia presents their 21st annual Spring Concert. ...Sounds like the Ukrainian culture is important to the community of Elk Point. ...May 9 - Lions fundraisers walk for sight. ...Sounds like the community feels it is important to raise money for a good

cause. ... May 23 - Emotional anniversary concert for Community Choir. ... Sounds like music is important to the people of Elk Point.

June 20 - Town coping with landfill change. ...Sounds like Elk Point has a Town Council who look for ways to cope with problems. June 27 - Gospel Concert gets Canada Day celebrations underway. ...Sounds like some people in Elk Point support their religion and give their Creator credit for the country of

Canada they appreciate living in.

July 18 - Wild and western at Whitney Lake. ...Sounds like the country people around Elk Point support their rodeos. July 25 - Midget Girls win provincial silver. ... Sounds like ball is important in Elk Point for both boys and girls. July 25 - Grain elevators expected to close. ... Oh no, sounds like the farming community around Elk Point is being affected. August 1 - First hand adventure with a fur trade theme. Sounds like some people believe the history of the Elk Point community is important and needs to be taught to children.

September 5 - FGM salutes high achieving Grads 2000. ...Sounds like the community high school feels it is

important to recognize those grads who do well. September 26 - Hire locally, buy locally, Chamber of Commerce urges. ... Sounds like there is a request to support the local community. November 14 - Memories of war touch every heart. Sounds like Elk Point remembers those who served.

The above are only a few front page titles. The conclusion I would come to is that Elk Point has its problems, but there seems to be a strong community spirit for its history, its people of all ages, their needs and their enjoyment.

Yes, Elk Point was a great place to live in the year 2000. Now we begin the year 2001. A new beginning for all of us. Happy new Millennium, everyone!

It's been quite a year: 2000 in review

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April

Elk Point Storm won the B Side championship in their league.... Lord Stanely's Cup visited Fishing Lake, a very proud moment for the parents of NHL player Sheldon Souray, who is a great role model for youth in that community... George Hahn was named Elk Point Minor Hockey's Coach of the Year and Tyson Slywka won the Alex Kurash Memorial Trophy at the Minor Hockey windup banquet... Ranger Oil sought approval for extended trucking hours and announced plans to drill 85 more wells in the Lindbergh oilfield this year... F. G. Miller hosted the area's Junior High School Communication Showcase, while science and drama were in the spotlight at Elk Point Elementary... Metelytsia Ukrainian Dancers, with members from tots to moms, wowed the crowd at their 21st Spring Concert.

May

"Almost like a family reunion" took place at Fort George and Buckingham House Interpretive Centre, as members of the Historical Society, Advisory Board and Bicentennial Committee were hon-

ored with the unveiling of a plaque at a tea at the Forts... Lions fundraisers raised over \$800 as they walked for sight... Elk Point Chamber supported the Town's bid for a close-to-town transfer site for landfill materials... Heinsburg School officially opened their handicapped-accessible playground... Elk Point Town Council agreed to continue cooperating with the Elk Point Golf and Country Club... Trans Canada Relay 2000 cavalcade took the Iron Horse Trail from Elk Point to Heinsburg, with Jerry Bidulock carrying the Riverland Trail Association's canister of water on this lap of a trail they hope will become part of the Trans Canada network... It was an emotional tenth anniversary for the Elk Point Community Choir as conductor Don Buryn announces he is taking a break... Uprising descendants visited the site of 1885 Frog Lake... Long weekend parties kept the RCMP busy as campgrounds were trashed...

The bulls were the winners at the Bull Chutin' Classic, defeating all the cowboys in

the short go... "Little Biker Preacher" Sam Donaldson was given a fond farewell as he entered retirement.

June

Matthew Robinson and Taralee Babenek showed Elk Point 4-H's 2000 champions, while Peter Danyluk showed the Inter-Club grand champion steer at the district show in St. Paul... Elk Point Auto Club's show was the biggest and best ever, with nine decades represented... The Review had a provincial Write On contest winner, Kristin Antonio winning the title for her Creative Classified... Heinsburg's two-member Class of 2000 received scroll-toting Millennium bears at their graduation... Eight records fell at the Elementary track meet... The Emergency Services golf tournament really took off, raising an estimated \$12,000 for STARS Air Ambulance... Town use of the landfill they shared with the County of St. Paul ended on June 21, with a temporary transfer site set up beside the sewer lift station and garbage hauled from there to

St. Paul's landfill... Mill rates were down marginally as the Town got ready to issue tax notices... A black powder salute by the Edmonton House Brigade welcomed a small flotilla of canoes to Fort George and Buckingham House on Father's Day... Lindbergh teamster Doug Irvine was runner-up at Dewberry's annual chuckwagon race meet... History came alive at F. G. Miller High as a reasonable facsimile of Louis Riel visited on Native Awareness Day... FGM retiree Ray Hellquist was honored by students and staff

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Town of Elk Point OPEN HOUSE

Monday, January 8, 2001 - 6:00 pm

Town Council Chamber (4910-50 Ave.)

REGARDING PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES TO THE TOWN OF ELK POINT

SW 1/4 of 1, TWP 57, Range 7, W4th
Part of SE 1/4 of 1, TWP 57, Range 7, W4th
NE 1/4 of 35, TWP 56, Range 7, W4th

For more details contact 724-3810

Myron Goyan, Town Manager

Crop Insurance Review Committee January Public Meeting Dates

The Crop Insurance Review Committee will be holding a series of public meetings around the province to report back on the recommendations developed since October 1999 for improving the crop insurance system in Alberta. Anyone interested is invited to attend these public meetings.

Location	Date	Address
South		
Lethbridge - 9 am to noon	January 15, 2001	Lethbridge Lodge - 320 Scenic Dr. S.
Medicine Hat - 2 pm to 5 pm	January 15, 2001	Cypress Centre - 2055 - 21 Ave.
Vulcan - 2 pm to 5 pm	January 15, 2001	Legion - 240 Sinclair Rd.
Strathmore - 9 am to noon	January 16, 2001	Community Centre - 85 Lakeside Blvd.
Central		
Oyen - 9 am to noon	January 16, 2001	Senior Rec Centre - 219 - 2 St. West
Airdrie - 2 pm to 5 pm	January 16, 2001	Legion - 508-3 Ave. SE
Hanna - 2 pm to 5 pm	January 16, 2001	Community Centre - 503 - 4 St. West
Red Deer - 9 am to noon	January 17, 2001	Holiday Inn - 6500 - 67 St.
North		
Camrose - 9 am to noon	January 12, 2001	Norseman Inn - 6505 - 48 Ave.
Stony Plain - 3 pm to 5:30 pm	January 12, 2001	Convention Inn - 4620 - 48 St.
Vermilion - 9 am to noon	January 18, 2001	Lakeland College - 5707 - 47 Ave. W.
Vilna - 2:30 pm to 5 pm	January 18, 2001	Cultural Centre
Westlock - 1 pm to 4 pm	January 19, 2001	Westlock Community Hall
Grande Prairie - 1 pm to 4 pm	January 22, 2001	Travelodge Trumpeter Inn - 12101 - 100 St.
Fahler - 9 am to noon	January 23, 2001	Knights of Columbus - 208 Main St.
Grimshaw - 2 pm to 5 pm	January 23, 2001	Mile 0 Motor Inn - 5904 - 51 St.
Manning - 9 am to noon	January 24, 2001	Elks Youth Centre
Fort Vermilion - 9 am to noon	January 25, 2001	Community Complex - 5001 - 44 Ave.

Information on the recommendations will be available at the meetings or at your local Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development office. For more information, please call:

Gordon Herrington
Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Phone: (780) 422-2070
(for toll-free calling outside of Edmonton, dial 310-0000)
Fax: (780) 427-3005
E-mail: gordon.herrington@gov.ab.ca

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Class of 2001

BOTTLE DRIVE

Jan. 6, 2001

Will be going door-to-door to collect your bottles. Please be ready.

TOWN OF ELK POINT

PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, January 8, 2001 - 4:00 pm

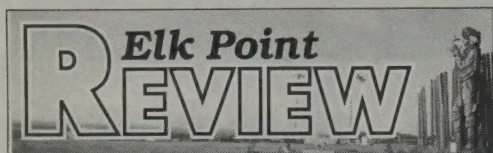
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER (4910-50 AVE.)

REGARDING:

ANADARKO CANADA CORPORATION
PROPOSED MAXIMUM 16 WELL SITE
SPACING PER QUARTER SECTION

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT 724-3810

Myron Goyan, Town Manager



VIEWPOINTS



SANTA SURROUNDED - Santa was indeed the man of the hour when he visited F. G. Miller High School to enjoy the annual pre-Christmas brunch with students, staff and guests.

Not just another New Year

On the brink of a new year, a new century, a new Millennium, we look back and say, "you were right" to those who adamantly refused to believe that the beginning of the year 2000 was anything more than another new year.

The dreaded Y2K was a blessed non-event: our computers still ran, our power and gas continued to keep us warm and able to see, and aircraft didn't fall from the sky any more than usual. All the hype was just a greatly magnified fear of the unknown, but no doubt a boon to those selling survival gear.

Millennium souvenir sellers also had a heyday, but they should have put away their leftover stock and sold it this year, when the real and actual beginning of a new century and a new Millennium is taking place.

How could we all have ignored the wise and educated individuals who so carefully explained that years don't start at 0 but at 1, and that centuries start at 001? It's just human nature to scoff at things we don't understand, and to go along with the crowd of believers. Look at all those who believed for years that the world was flat and that they could drop off the edge if they went too far from home.

Welcome to the real 21st century, the real new Millennium, and 2001 - a Space Odyssey although it isn't.

■ Celebrations

FGM marks the season with annual pre-Christmas brunch

Students and staff of F. G. Miller High School celebrated the last day of school for the year 2000 by inviting numerous special guests to join them for a sumptuous pre-Christmas brunch, this year prepared and served by the Class of 2001.

Tammy Bober opened the celebration by singing O Canada, and led the crowd in singing Happy Birthday to Carlen Mutch, who turned 18 that day.

Principal Jim Hawkins introduced the special guests, which included new School Division central office representative Lorraine Tchir, the school bus drivers, local clergy, former teachers and students and school volunteers. Mayor Ed Buck took the microphone to offer Christmas greetings from Town Council, saying "we should all look forward to the new century" just around the corner. Longtime FGM basketball coach, current school trustee and county councillor and potential MLA, Ray Danyluk also greeted the students and wished them happy holidays.

Class of 2001 co-presidents Tanya Pankiw and Zach Duguid thanked all involved in putting on the brunch, including Mrs. Cheri Lindquist and Carlen Mutch "for organizing us," teachers who roasted turkeys, and the Grade 10s who prepared the desserts. Teacher Colin Bjorkman and his wife Denise, the school librarian, were congratulated on their first wedding anniversary. A draw was made for the Travel Club's lion, with tiny



TRIP CLUB LION WINNER Alison Ference and her mom Maureen are dwarfed by the latest addition to their household, a huge but friendly lion raffled by the FGM Travel Club.

Alison Ference the lucky winner.

Another special guest was, of course, Santa Claus, who took time for a chat with everyone and had his photo taken with many of them.

Following grace by Pastor Jim MacLellan, everyone lined up to enjoy turkey and all the trimmings.

The meal was followed by a presentation to Romy Rohner, accepting on behalf of her father, Hans Rohner

of Graphica, who donated pennants to the school. T-shirts and pennants were presented to the school's three exchange students, Constantin Beyes of Germany, Celina Beari of Switzerland and Laura Hyk of Australia.

The morning concluded with a rambunctious carol-identification game, to set the mood for Christmas as everyone headed home to celebrate the festive season.



EXCHANGE STUDENTS receiving Crusader pennants and t-shirts from Class of 2001 co-president Tanya Pankiw (far left) and Michelle Leckie were Constantin Beyes of Germany, Celina Beari of Switzerland and Laura Hyk of Australia.

Photo by Lawrence Pidluzny.



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what's NEWS at the LIBRARY?

Elk Point Library has exciting news for the New Year

By Daphne Schnurer
Librarian

Soon our library will be fully automated. Patrons will need to bring in their cards in order to check out books. I know this will be different at first, but checkout will be so much simpler and

faster. This is part of the APLEN initiative to connect all public libraries in the province. In order for us to prepare and for staff and volunteers to participate in training, the LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY 22. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Well, it's that time again when many of us make those dreaded New Year's Resolutions. We all begin the year with strong determination but by the second week in February that desire begins to fizzle. There is a lot of work that goes into keeping a

New Year's Resolution so if you need some fresh ideas, why not stop in at the Library and check out a book which can help you reach your goal. Whether you want to eat better, get in shape, lose some pounds or quit smoking, the library has some great

reading material.

Just for Fun: Top Ten New Year's Resolutions

Well, this isn't David Letterman's Top Ten but here it goes:

1. Lose weight.
2. Exercise.
3. Quit smoking.
4. Quit drinking.
5. Be a better person.

6. Spend more time with family.

7. Spend less time on the Internet.

8. Be more organized.

9. Get out of debt.

10. Be more spiritual.

SENIORS - Don't forget your first tea of 2001, coming up next Tuesday, January 9 at 2 p.m. Bring a friend!

■ From the Legislature

2001 a year for everyone as province launches International Year of Volunteers

By Paul Langevin, MLA
Lac La Biche - St. Paul

A Year for Everyone is the motto for Albertans as Alberta joins countries around the world in the launch of the International Year of Volunteers in 2001. As International Day of the Volunteer, December 5 was the day for action with kick-off celebrations throughout Alberta.

The Wild Rose Foundation and Alberta Community Development are spearheading activities province-wide to promote the International Year of Volunteers. Planning guides created by Community Development have already been distributed to hundreds of Alberta organizations, suggesting ways to incorporate International Year of

Volunteers into their activities.

Activities and programs will focus on volunteer building, recognition and awareness of the positive impact of volunteerism in Alberta communities. In addition to Volunteer Week activities and the annual Vitalize volunteer conference, the Wild Rose Foundation will promote legacy initiatives geared to strengthening the volunteer sector.

The United Nations General Assembly periodically initiates a special year to promote public awareness and recognition of specific groups within society. This year is aimed at enhancing recognition, facilitation, networking and promotion of volunteer service. Activities in 2001 will highlight the achieve-

ments of millions of volunteers who devote time to serving others, and to encourage more people globally to engage in volunteer work.

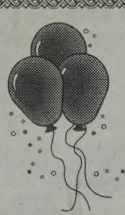
For more information about 2001 International Year of Volunteers, contact the

Foundation at 422-9305. As the MLA for Lac La Biche - St. Paul, I am always available to assist constituents. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 645-6999 or 623-1730.

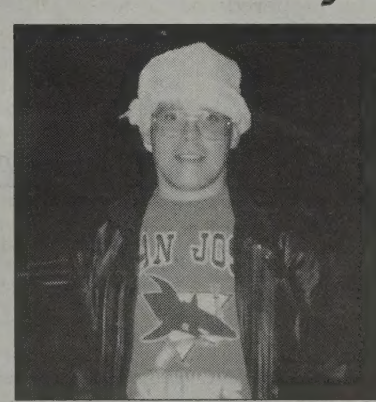
NLLS hikes non-resident fees

County Council recently reviewed a non-resident library fee increase through Northern Lights Library System, which raised the current amount of \$10 to \$60 per person effective as of January 1. The County of St. Paul has voted not to become a NLLS member municipality.

Reeve Robert Bouchard says Northern Lights may have been more convincing earlier this year if they had made their presentation to the County's library board rather than to council.



Lordy, Lordy! Billy Ray is Forty!



Христового Різдва та
Щасливого Нового Року

Pioneer Circle bingo

December 18, 2000

Sophie Stamp \$60,
Louis Lumley \$30,
Lillian Palinka \$30,
Ann Zayac \$15, Connie Nadeau \$15, Alf Fakeley \$30, Mary Rose Piesinger \$30, Dina Leaf \$30, Mary Paul \$30, Marie Cardinal \$30, Connie Nadeau \$60, Lucy Smereka \$15, Sam Barstad \$15, Donna Lajimodiere \$30, Mary Bugera \$30, Sam Barstad \$46, Florence Demchuk \$18, Kathy Zarowny \$14, Mary Bochon \$14, Zelma Krucik \$50, Bill Chomlak \$17, Alec Smereka \$17, Kathy Zarowny \$17, Bruce Desjarlais \$17, Bessie

Lumley \$46, Mary Paul \$23, Vi Lillemoen \$23, Pearl Slywka \$23, Melvin McGinnis \$200.

CHURCH SERVICES

Elk Point Baptist Church
5705 - 49 St., Elk Point
Pastor Jim MacLellan
Family Worship Service
Sundays - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.
Call 724-4194 for more information
or see our Website <http://elkpt-bapt.homepage.com/church.html>.

Elk Point Christian Community Church
Senior Pastor Jerry Richards -
Phone 724-2493
Associate Pastor Richard Upham
Railway Avenue and 53 St.
Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

St. Michael's Catholic Church
Sunday Mass 9 a.m.

Bethel Lutheran Church of Lea Park
Weekly Services,
10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 2nd and 4th
Sundays

St. Vladmirs' Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Elk Point
For service times, call 645-5156,
St. Paul or 724-4351, Elk Point.

United Church of Canada
4822 - 50 Ave., Elk Point
Rev. Jope Langejans - 724-3616
Worship Service - Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
"Come and be Welcomed -
Come and Be Nurtured"

Bible Fellowship Church
Clandonald
Services held every
Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club presents

Malanka 2001

SATURDAY, JAN. 13, 2001

ELK POINT ELKS HALL

Cocktails -- 5:00 pm; Cash Bar
Supper -- 6:00 pm; Concert -- 8:00 pm
Dance to follow. Music by **Polka Tones**.
\$20.00 per person; 4-6 years -- \$5.00

For tickets call:
Leanne 645-5861, Jeannie 741-2275



review COMMUNITY NEWSLINE

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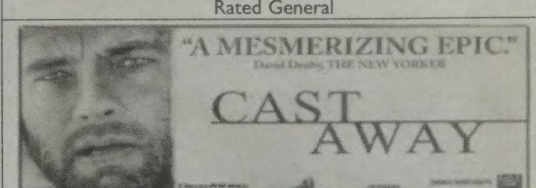
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■ On Boxing Day between 5:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight a Tarsands truck was stolen from the Tarsands shop in Elk Point. The vehicle was parked on the north side of the shop. The vehicle is described as a 2000 Ford DRW Super Duty truck, white in color. The truck is a flat deck with a picker and two large tool boxes mounted on the back. The left side driver's door is marked with "unit 50". Both doors of the vehicle have 5x8 stickers with "Tarsands" marked on them.

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community NEWS

More of Year 2000 in review

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as he left the school after 37 years of service... The Canada Day Gospel Concert got everyone in the mood for the July 1 celebrations.... FGM Crusaders' Class of 2000 closed a chapter in their lives as they celebrated the end of their high school years in a turreted castle which once was their gymnasium... Elementary students in Heinsburg, Frog Lake and Elk Point received year-end awards.

July

Rain sent Elk Point's Canada Day crowd scurrying into the arena for the afternoon stage show, but the sun was shining again by the time very surprised volunteers Sid Holthe and Vicki Brooker were presented with Community Achievement awards by Mayor Ed Buck... Ferguson Flats Community Association celebrated 50 years with five original members on hand for the homecoming... A group of modern-day Métis voyageurs visited Fort George and Buckingham House and Heinsburg on their trek by canoe and wagon from Slave Lake to Batoche... Rain returned to plague Sunday's performance of the Stoney Lake Stampede, but were reduced to showers by the following weekend when it was Whitney Lake's turn... Northern Lights Library System made the final decision to keep their headquarters in Elk Point... Dewberry's Buddy Bensmiller ran penalty free throughout the entire Calgary Stampede Rangeland Derby, the only competitor to do so this year... Elk Point Midget Girls shone bright in Didsbury, where they won silver in the ball provincials.... Elk Point's final grain elevator could be entering its final crop year, local farmers were told.

August

A fisherman was swept downstream when he lost his footing on a sandbar in the North Saskatchewan River near Lindbergh, and was rescued several miles downstream over twelve hours later... Vandals hit a well site east of Elk Point, creating an oil spill... An exceptional quilt show which featured over 50 hand-

crafted quilts, including some over a hundred years old, was the highlight of the Elk Point Fair, with Lois Yaremkevich winning the Grand Aggregate... A wild wind felled a shelterbelt and killed sheep on a local farm... The 13th Annual Oilmen's Golf Tournament was lucky for Blair Ask, who won \$10,000 for a hole-in-one, and for Robin Moroziuk, who won the tourney championship... Town and oil industry leaders met with Minister of Infrastructure the Hon. Ed Stelmach to seek help for roads in the Industrial Subdivision... E-Can Oilfield Services was sold to Mullen Transportation Inc. of Aldersyde, AB... Rain forced the Forts des Prairies Jamboree into the Interpretive Centre, where a jam-packed house enjoyed the annual event... Jamie Schnurer and Cherie McGowan shared High Point honors at the Charlene G. Baker Memorial Horse Show.

September

Twenty six members of F. G. Miller's Class of 2000 celebrated their accomplishments at a combined convocation and awards night, with Peter Danyluk receiving eight awards, including a \$2500 UFA scholarship... Awards for Grades 7 through 11 were presented later in the month, with Tanya Pankiw named Best All Around Student... The circus came to town, with a big top but no big animals... Citizens On Patrol was now underway, with logo contest winners receiving recognition... Restoration was complete and marked by a festive afternoon at Heinsburg's water tower... Close to 50 people learned new perspectives on the 1885 Northwest Rebellion tragedy at Frog Lake during an outing sponsored by Elk Point Historical Society... The Chamber of Commerce urged oil companies to hire locally and buy locally... A motorist died in an in-town single vehicle accident... Anadarko Canada Corporation announced huge drilling and explo-

ration programs for 2000-2001 at a well-attended open house.

October

Twenty years of sports and organized recreation for seniors was celebrated when the Elk Point seniors hosted a dinner for the Alberta Senior Citizens Sports and Recreation Association, with a plaque of appreciation presented to Sid Holthe, a past president of ASCSRA... Ray Danyluk announced plans to run for the provincial Progressive Conservative nomination... Heinsburg School honored its top students at Awards Night... Elk Point Chamber of Commerce showcased small business at a trade show and information fair... With membership dwindling, the Elk Point Legion asked for new members to help them help veterans and the community... Dewberry's Buddy Bensmiller was named the World Professional C h u c k w a g o n Association's Person of the Year... Jim Hawkins of F. G. Miller was among high school principals to receive a prestigious Outstanding Principals Award.

November

Two youngsters and their father from the Ferguson Flats area were burned in a farmyard explosion... Memories of war touched every heart as Elk Point gathered at the cenotaph for Remembrance Day... Illegal parking and school zone speeding were seen as community problems by the Community Policing Advisory Committee... Daylan Hoffman won a provincial gold medal in Pre-Novice Ladies figure skating and was off to Skate Canada's Western Challenge... Five horses were gunned down in a pasture on Moose Mountain, while a cow met a similar fate a few miles away... Ray Danyluk won the provincial PC nomination... F.G. Miller hosted a concert of community talent... Overwhelming support was shown for Alliance candidate Leon Benoit in the federal election...

Elk Point seniors kicked off the festive season with feasting and song... An American hunter was the victim of an accidental shooting.

December

Extravaganza kicked off the final month of the year, with horse-drawn hay rides, photos with Santa, a craft show and contests, contests, contests... Another pipeline paralleling the current ThickSilver line was announced at an open house... Heinsburg hosted the Elk Point Community Choir at their annual Christmas Supper, and dedicated their annual craft show to the late Bob Smith... Elk Point Community Choir performed for their hometown audience, as did choirs from four Elk Point churches in the annual cantata... Christmas pageants were enjoyed at local churches... Anadime Processing and Disposal Inc. outlined plans for a produced sand depository in the Ferguson Flats area... Great West Newspapers Ltd. took over operation of the Elk Point Review and St. Paul Journal... Concerts and a Christmas brunch wound up 2000 for Elk Point and surrounding area's students as the festive season arrived and the year drew to a close.

Northern Lights Library System closer to moving

By Rhonda Lafrance

Staff Writer

The Petrovera building in Elk Point will be undergoing a facelift soon in order to accommodate the new headquarters of the Northern Lights Library System.

After almost two years of deciding upon a larger space for the growing library system, Chair Don Gulayec is relieved the process is almost over.

"It was a long, drawn-out process with some periods of let's hurry up and wait, but now we are getting to the point where the facility will be close to being up and running," said Gulayec.

The provincial government has passed an Order in Council authorizing the government to take ownership of the building as proposed by the Town of Elk Point. The NLLS board of directors has signed an agreement to accept the building from the province and now all that remains is for the signing of the agreement by Petrovera.

Once this process is complete, the estimated time to complete the renovations and the

move is 90 days.

"There used to be a bunch of small offices and cubicles in the building, so the contractors will be gutting the entire inside in order to accommodate our work flow. We need bigger offices and areas for unloading books and cataloguing."

Gulayec adds that most people don't realize the problems staff are facing at the current headquarters in Elk Point.

"It's like having your relatives over for Christmas 365 days a year. It's getting extremely crowded. Staff members are stacking boxes around their desks."

Alberta Community Development has committed \$300,000 to the renovation of the Petrovera building. The building was donated to the Town at no cost and the Town proposed the library system's headquarters be housed there at no cost.

Between now and the actual opening of the new headquarters, Gulayec said the St. Paul and Vermilion libraries may become short-term satellite offices.

Elks end 2000 with a win

The atmosphere in the ThunderDome was downright chilly, the crowd was small, but the Elks were hot as they took on Marwayne Comets for the first time at home this season, on Friday, December 22.

Troubles with the ice plant meant the arena heaters must stay off, but dedicated fans ignored the cold and watched the Elks' improved passing skills with interest in a scoreless first ten minutes. The home team was first on the scoreboard just after mid-period, Ted Genereux assisted by Loren Wowk on that goal. Marwayne's Chad McDougall, assisted by Tyson Weighill, tied the score moments later, with the score remaining at 1-1 well into the second period.

A power play with 13:51 on the clock gave the Elks the lead,

Leighton Grey assisted by Cory Laboucane in that one, with the margin increasing to two as Genereux scored his second of the evening off assists by Wowk and Willie Lesyk ten minutes later.

The Elks took a three point lead just over seven minutes into the final period, Laboucane assisted by Grey on another power

play. Five minutes later, Steve Hicks scored Marwayne's second and final goal of the game unassisted and on a power play.

Ferlin Quinney scored the Elks' final goal of 2000 into an empty net after Marwayne pulled their goalie, off an assist by Grey, for a final 5-2 victory.

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